

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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WALTER MOSS-BEY

Plaintiff,

v.

RHONDA LANFORD,

Defendant.

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ORDER

13-cv-878-wmc

Plaintiff Walter Moss-Bey has filed a proposed civil complaint, in which he alleges that defendant Rhonda Lanford violated his civil rights when she denied plaintiff's petition for a name change in Dane County Circuit Court case 2013CV003651. Plaintiff has asked for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and has supported his request with an affidavit of indigency. The standard for determining whether plaintiff qualifies for indigent status is the following:

- From plaintiff's annual gross income, the court subtracts \$3700 for each dependent excluding the plaintiff.
- If the balance is less than \$16,000, the plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$16,000 but less than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay half the fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay all fees and costs.
- Substantial assets or debts require individual consideration.

In this case, plaintiff is unemployed and has no monthly income. He has no substantial assets and no dependents. Because plaintiff's income is less than \$16,000, he can proceed without any prepayment of fees or costs.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The motion filed by plaintiff Walter Moss-Bey for leave to proceed without prepayment of fees (Dkt. # 2) is GRANTED.
2. No further action will be taken in this case until the court has screened the complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to determine whether the case must be dismissed because the complaint is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. Once the screening process is complete, a separate order will issue.

Entered this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge